

Delaware Digital History Museum provides opportunities to experience Delaware history ... from home

(DOVER, Del.—May 4, 2020)—Responding to COVID-19 has meant changes for everyone that have impacted virtually all aspects of daily life, and Delaware's historic sites, museums and cultural resources are no exception.

On April 27, 2020, the [Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs](#) launched a new, creative platform for Delawareans to continue to engage with the history of the First State and enrich their understanding of its people, places, events and artifacts.

The new Delaware Digital History Museum (<https://history.delaware.gov/delaware-digital-history-museum/>), available on the division's website, provides a wide variety of electronic opportunities to experience Delaware history at home.



Historical cleaning and disinfecting products from the collections of the State of Delaware. The items are explored in the new Delaware Digital History Museum.

“Even though folks can’t visit our State museums right now, the division’s team of historians, interpreters and conservators are still on the job and working to fulfill our mission of preserving Delaware’s heritage and showcasing our state’s historical legacy,” said division Director Tim Slavin. “We hope that the Delaware Digital History Museum offers a new way for Delawareans to interact with our shared history and learn from it.”

The online museum showcases items from the State’s collections of art and objects, as well as digital exhibits, virtual tours of museums and historic sites, and videos and images of historic landmarks and architecture.



Digital exhibit chronicles the true story of Emeline Hawkins, her family and their 1845 odyssey on the Underground Railroad from slavery in Maryland, through Delaware to freedom in Pennsylvania.

The new portal also includes a collection of “Museum From Home” learning activities for school-age children, designed by the division’s museum- and educational-staff.

In addition, the Digital Museum is supplemented by regular social media updates from the division’s five museum sites.

John Dickinson Plantation, Dover

Web: https://history.delaware.gov/jdp_main/

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/JohnDickinsonPlantation>



Johnson Victrola Museum, Dover

Web: https://history.delaware.gov/jvm_main/

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/JohnsonVictrolaMuseum>



New Castle Court House Museum

Web: https://history.delaware.gov/ncch_main/

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NewCastleCourtHouse>



The Old State House, Dover

Web: https://history.delaware.gov/sh_main/

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/theoldstatehouse>



Zwaanendael Museum, Lewes

Web: https://history.delaware.gov/zm_main/

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Zwaanendael>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/zwaanendaelmuseum/>



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